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First Named Inventor: FUKUSHI, TATSUO

Application No.: 10/659877 Group Art Unit: 1713

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Title: Fluoroelastomers with Improved Permeation Resistance and

METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This response is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination filed under 37 CFR 1.114 and an affidavit traversing rejection filed under 37 CFR 1.132, all filed in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated November 3, 2005, in the above-identified application.

The RCE, response, and affidavit are all believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.